

My understanding is that petition 04-160 would place certain limitations on the broadcasting of traffic & weather as well as other content across satellite radio. This is a private paid subscription service and laws should not be enforced or passed which limit the rights of listeners unless they clearly violate decency laws the way pornography violates decency laws. The broadcasting over the free airwaves of "R" rated or adult content should NOT be tolerated. However the broadcast of vital information such as traffic and weather as well as free-form content with adult language should be permissible via satellite and other subscription services. These broadcasts do not violate in any manner decency laws the way pornography does. Further the broadcast of traffic and weather, particularly in large cities, where enormous traffic problems persist, provides a vital conduit to alleviate congestion thus providing a benefit to society which is the essence of what responsible broadcasters must do.

Therefore I request defeat of petition 04-160 immediately.